

Memorandum

To: CHAIR AND COMMISSIONERS

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Action Item

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Ref: **REGIONAL TRANSPORTATION PLAN GUIDELINES SUPPLEMENT**

ISSUE:

The Supplement to the 1999 Regional Transportation Plan (RTP) Guidelines has been prepared to address several shortfalls to the last cycle of RTPs adopted in Fiscal Year (FY) 2001 and FY 2002 that were identified in the RTP Evaluation Report. The Supplement identifies a total of nine items that each RTP should contain in the next cycle to be adopted in FY 2004 and FY 2005. Metropolitan Planning Organizations (MPOs) are currently in the process of preparing their RTPs to be adopted in 2004. Regional Transportation Planning Agencies (RTPAs) will also begin updating their RTPs that are required to be adopted in FY 2005. The Supplement to the RTP Guidelines should be provided to the MPOs/RTPAs by December 2003. The Draft Supplement was presented to the California Transportation Commission (Commission) at the November 24, 2003 meeting.

RECOMMENDATION:

The Department requests that the Commission adopt the Supplement to the 1999 RTP Guidelines.

BACKGROUND:

The Commission adopted the current RTP Guidelines in December 1999. The Guidelines identify the State and federal planning requirements to be included in the development of the RTPs by the MPOs/RTPAs. Section 14032 of the California Government Code requires the California Department of Transportation (Department) prepare an evaluation of the adopted RTPs. The last RTP Evaluation Report was prepared by the Department on behalf of the Commission in April 2003. The Evaluation Report contained a total of 19 recommendations. One of the recommendations was to prepare a supplement to the existing 1999 RTP Guidelines.

Attachment